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### COMAL standards conference in Sweden

COMAL manufacturers and representatives of various user groups held the sixth international standardization and development conference March 14-16. TeleNova, part of Swedish Telecom and manufacturer of the COMPIS computer, hosted the meeting in Nynäshamn, Sweden.

COMAL has been designed to combine the simplicity and ease of use of BASIC with the power and structure of Pascal. The language is officially adopted for use in schools in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Ireland and approved for use in Scotland. It is in the educational field that COMAL has received most attention so far, but with more implementations becoming available it will undoubtedly be increasingly popular as a powerful and elegant general purpose language.

Børge Christensen, one of the inventors of the language, outlined some new ideas from an educational view point. Len Lindsay, leader of the US COMAL user group, presented the rapidly growing activities in the United States.

It is hoped that the very cooperative attitude of the participants at the conference will ensure the continued development of COMAL as a standardized language.

COMAL is now available from the following companies:

- Acorn for the BBC Microcomputer
- Commodore for VIC 64 and 8000 series
- Dansk Data Elektronik for the Supermax and UNIX
- IBM for the IBM PC range
- MYTECH for various operating systems (MS-DOS, CP/M86 and UNIX)
- Metanic for CP/M80 operating systems
- Regnecentralen RC for the Piccoline and Partner
- TeleNova for the COMPIS/SCANDIS computer

Several software houses present at the conference are planning releases of COMAL for many other computers.